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SUBJ: FAHMY VISIT TO PARIS

1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE LEVANT ROUILLON TOLD US AUGUST 9 THAT EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY'S AUGUST 5 - 7 VISIT TO PARIS, DESIGNED TO "REANIMATE" RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, WENT WELL FROM THE FRENCH VIEWPOINT. ROUILLON SAID HE WAS NOT PRIVY TO THE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN FAHMY AND PRESIDENT GISCARD AND PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC BUT THAT DURING TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES, FAHMY HAD SHOWN THE MOST DEEP CONCERN WHEN DISCUSSING RELATIONS BETWEEN JORDAN AND THE PALESTINIANS, ESPECIALLY AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND THE FUTURE OF THE WEST BANK.

2. AMONG THE OTHER IMPRESSIONS OF EGYPTIAN THINKING THE FRENCH RECEIVED, ROUILLON MENTIONED CONTINUING MILD

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OPTIMISM ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACE, CONFIDENCE IN

THE U.S. SOMEWHAT TEMPERED BY THE UNCERTAINTIES OF THE CURRENT U.S. POLITICAL SCENE, APPREHENSION ABOUT SOVIET INTENTIONS, HOPE THAT PROGRESS WILL BE MADE AT GENEVA, AND DEEP SUSPICION ABOUT ISRAELI INTENTIONS, WITH ISRAEL STILL CONSIDERED THE PRIMARY OBSTACLE TO PEACE.

3. ECONOMIC MATTERS WERE OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE, ROUILLON SAID, AND ARE WELL-COVERED IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE VISIT (COPIES POUCHED TO NEA/EGY AND CAIRO). ROUILLON GAVE HIS PERSONAL GUESS THAT PRESIDENT SADAT WILL VISIT PARIS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR WHILE GISCARD'S RETURN VISIT IS NOT LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE UNTIL LATE 1975 OR LATER. SAUVAGNARGUES, ROUILLON SAID, PLANS TO GO TO CAIRO IN OCTOBER AND IS STILL SCHEDULED TO VISIT LEBANON, ISRAEL AND JORDAN SOMETIME THIS FALL.

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